

LESSON 6 PROCLAMATION

ACTS 2.14-41

I. Introduction (verse 14)

- A. Peter **stood** up – firm in his convictions and prepared to defend his beliefs.
- B. Peter **spoke** up – shouted above the tumult
- C. Peter **spoke** out – delivered a dignified, deliberate sermon energized by the Holy Spirit.

II. Explanation (verses 15-21)

A. Target audience

- 1. **Scoffers**
- 2. **Seekers**
- 3. **Sinners**

B. Text, **Joel 2.28-32**

1. Answer to Scoffers

- a. The disciples could not be **drunk**; it was only 9:00 AM.
- b. Peter used the text as evidence that, when the Holy Spirit of God enters the picture and becomes actively involved in people's lives, there are usually extraordinary **events** that accompany Him.

2. Answer to Seekers

- a. Peter answered the question, "What does all of this mean?"
- b. Peter used the text here to press upon the listener's the **urgency** of the hour. God had poured out His Spirit, marking the beginning of the last days.

3. Address to Sinners

- a. Peter's text (Acts 2.21) dealt with a time of judgment and a demonstration of the **wrath** of God. This verse teaches that the only means of preservation in the face of God's wrath is to take advantage of His offer of **salvation**. (Read Romans 5.9)

III. Proclamation (verses 22-36)

A. Target audience (cf. Acts 1.8)

1. **Men of Judea and of Jerusalem** (v. 14)
2. **Men of Israel** (v. 22)
3. **Men and brethren** (v. 29)

B. Teaching concerning Christ – the **focal** point of the message.

1. **Approved** by God (v. 22)
2. **Appointed** by God (v. 23)
3. **Resurrected** by God (v. 24)

C. Texts, **Psalm 16.8-11 (verses 25-28, 31), 2 Sam. 23.2, Ps. 132.11 (verse 30), Ps. 118.16 (verse 33), Ps. 110.1 (verse 34-35)**

In the next 12 verses, Peter speaks directly to the **Jewishness** characteristic of his congregation.

1. **Peter** makes the analogy between David's prophecy and its fulfillment in Jesus and the events witnessed by the listeners.

Prophecy		Fulfilled
Acts 2.25b	(Ps. 16.8a)	Acts 2.32
Acts 2.25c	(Ps. 16.8b)	Acts 2.33a
Acts 2.25d	(Ps. 16.8c)	Acts 2.33b
Acts 2.26	(Ps. 16.9)	Acts 2.33c

2. **Patriarch** (v. 29)

3. **Prophet** (v. 30)

- a. God had spoken **to** David concerning the promise that the Messiah would come from his descendants. (*Psalm 132.11*)
- b. God had also spoken **through** him in *Psalm 16.10*.

4. **Prediction** (v. 31, compare Psalm 110.1)

- a. As a prophet, God allowed David to understand that the Messiah would be resurrected from the dead, which means He would first have to suffer death.

5. **Proof** (v. 34-35)

IV. Accusation (verses 23 & 36)

1. Verse 23

- a. God doesn't need man to carry out His plans in the world, yet He uses men to accomplish His mission – He works through His **creation** to achieve His plans.
- b. Here in this verse is an example of how the freewill decisions of man fulfill the predetermined **counsel** of God. Yet those decisions are subject to the judgment of God and He will punish and reward accordingly.

2. Verse 36

- a. Peter closes the **Proclamation** aspect of his sermon with another accusation.
- b. Now, Peter, standing boldly (v. 14) before those who crucified the Lord Jesus, declared them **guilty**. God had declared Jesus to be both Lord and Christ, and they had crucified Him.

V. Invitation (verses 37-39)

A. Plea

B. Process

C. Promise

VI. Reaction (verse 40-41)

A. About **3000** people were baptized and added to the church.

SCRIPTURES

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: **29** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. **30** And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. **31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. **32** And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; **19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **20** Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

Hebrews 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

Isaiah 46:9 I am God, and there is none like me, **10** declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose."

Psalms 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **9** Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. **10** For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

2 Samuel 23:2 The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. (NKJV)

Psalms 132:11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

Psalms 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? **17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2 Samuel 12:7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man.